

# SOCIETY NEWS, NOTES, AND GOSSIP OF THE PAST WEEK

home in the suburbs, and the other was Mrs. Dahl.

Mrs. Cleveland arrived in Washington Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and drove from the station direct to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. After a short stay, she left to visit Colonel and Mrs. Craig at their I street residence, where she remained over night. Thursday morning Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Cleveland drove out to the old Green homestead on the Woodley road and Mrs. Cleveland remained for a long talk with Miss Green. From there she went direct to Mrs. Dahl's on Q street, before attending the funeral and left the city by the 4 o'clock train for the north.

Miss Mary Murray Lockwood is visiting relatives at New Castle, Del.

The Rev. Dr. Higelow and family have returned to town after an extended absence at the North.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells, formerly Miss Bevan, whose wedding was one of the fashionable events of the early autumn, have returned from their wedding trip. The couple enjoyed an extended Western trip, visiting Chicago, Kansas City, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake, and other cities. While at Salt Lake, Mr. Wells, who is of counsel for Mr. Bradley, who is soon to be tried for the alleged murder of former Senator Brown, conferred with Judge Orlando W. Powers, associate counsel in the murder case.

While at Collingsville, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Wells attended the last Indian powwow to be given before Oklahoma is admitted as a State. About 1,200 Indians participated in the event. While there Mr. Wells bought from Geronimo the noted Apache chief, a war bonnet, paying \$100 for it. The bonnet will form an interesting feature of his collection of relics.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Reeside will move into their new house, at Nineteenth street, on Monday. It is located almost directly opposite the house they are at present occupying, and will be the scene of much entertaining during the winter. Since their return from Maine a fortnight ago, Mr. and Mrs. Reeside have been much occupied with finishing the details of their future home, which is one of the large and handsome houses recently added to the city's residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cooper, of Middletown, Ind., who have been visiting the family of Judge Jesse M. Hatt, 1223 Harvard street, Mt. Pleasant, left yesterday for their home by way of Jamestown and Richmond, Va.

Mrs. John Patton has returned from summering at Blue Mountain, the mountains of Virginia.

Mrs. Sophie Radford De Melssner has returned from Barnstable, Mass., where she accompanied her sister, Mrs. Randolph Coyle, during the month of September and the early portion of October.

Mrs. De Melssner is with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Kearney Radford, at their home on Thirty-first street northwest.

J. Dettre, from Germantown, Pa., spent a few days last week with his friend, T. D. Whyte, at the Leamington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bell, of 1253 Ninth street northwest, were very much surprised last Thursday evening, when the members of the Seminole celebrated the latter's birthday by inviting the club and a few friends. A jolly evening was spent in dancing and music. Piano selections were rendered by Miss May Frazier and Alice Turner. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Duval, Miss Frazier, and Charles Bopp, Preston Webster, Mr. and Mrs. S. Rowland Turner, and the Seminole Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Adams, of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly residents of Washington, are visiting Mr. Adams' sister, Mrs. Frank H. Pelouze, at the Columbia, 1406 Girard street. At home Monday afternoons, October 28 and November 4.

Mrs. Hannay, wife of Capt. John R. R. Hannay, United States Army, and daughter of Lieut. Gen. S. B. M. Young, former chief of staff, United States Army, retired, will come to Washington this week to be the guest of her sister,

## Miss Elizabeth Oliver Engaged, And News Is Surprise of Week



MISS ELIZABETH SHAW OLIVER, Daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, Whose Engagement Was Announced Last Week.

The surprise of the week came with the announcement of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Shaw Oliver, daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Robert Shaw Oliver, to Francis K. Stevens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Stevens, of New York and Lawrence, L. I.

Miss Oliver has been spending the summer in Canada, where she gathered material for more stories of Canadian life, similar to the clever little series she has already written.

Both Miss Oliver and her sister, Miss Marion Oliver, are great social favorites in Washington, and especially at the White House. They very frequently accompany the White House party on horseback rides through Rock Creek

Park, and one of the Misses Oliver is almost invariably one of the party when Mrs. Roosevelt entertains at the theater.

Mr. Stevens arrived in Washington yesterday to remain for the week-end. Tuesday Miss Oliver will leave Washington for the Gesseno valley, where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Wadsworth at Big Tree farm for the rutting season. She will also visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Choate, in New York, before returning to Washington early in December. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Mr. Stevens is a graduate of Yale, 1937, and a brother of Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg.

Mrs. Knight, wife of Major Knight, United States Army. Mrs. Hannay has not been in Washington since she left here as a bride to sail for the Philippines and will be gladly welcomed back by her very large circle of friends. Mrs. Hannay and her sister are both in

mourning and will not be seen in society at all this winter. Mrs. Hannay lost her only child, a little girl, only a few months ago, and Mrs. Knight lost a little son a few weeks ago. For this reason Miss Alice Margaret Knight, who was to have been presented to

society, will not be seen this season. Miss Knight and Miss Garlington were classmates in a fashionable school in New York.

The Catholic Conversation Circle held its fourth meeting Friday evening at the home of Captain and Mrs. Harry Coope, 706 Eleventh street. An excellent description of the customs, origin, and history of the various "Holy Orders" was given by Miss Clare Dillon. A general conversation was held upon the origin and devotion of "The Rosary." A copy of F. Marion Crawford's "Ave Roma Immortals" was presented to the circle by Mrs. Glickman. Next Friday evening the topic will be "Italian Art and the Renaissance." The meeting is open to all.

The Northern Club gave its initial dance of the season Friday evening in the Pythian Temple. The affair was a pronounced success. The next of the usual series given every winter by the club will be about Thanksgiving time, in Carroll Institute Hall. The officers of the club are Irvin Balfour, president; J. H. Lankford, vice president, and Edwin Hilliard, secretary treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wallberg will be pleased to see their friends this evening at their home, 504 Cameron street, Alexandria, Va., from 8 to 10, in honor of their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Norman Luchs is paying a short visit to relatives in Baltimore.

This evening at the National Theater the Marine Band will give a symphony concert under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary Society of the Eighth Street Temple, the returns to go to the sinking fund of the temple.

Monroe Hollander, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hollander, of Washington, will celebrate his twenty-first birthday anniversary by a stag affair at Steinberger's tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Glicksman, of Milwaukee, Wis., have been visiting friends here.

Mr. Adler, of Pittsburgh, who has been the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Abel, has returned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Spitz are spending a few days in New York city.

Miss Miriam Schoenman has returned to her home in Baltimore after being the guest of Miss Nellie Behrend, of Rhode Island avenue.

Joseph Herzog, who has been spending the last few months abroad, is expected to return to his home this week.

The National Council of Jewish Women will hold their annual executive convention at the Jamestown Exposition from November 4 to 7, inclusive. Among the prominent members who will take part in the proceedings are:

Mrs. Hugo Rosenberg, of Pittsburgh; president of the National Council; Mrs. Henry Solomon, honorary president; Mrs. Barrett, vice president; Mrs. Greenfield, Cleveland; Mrs. M. Barbe, Mrs. Ruslander, Mrs. Meades, Savannah; Mrs. Mack, Port Worth, Tex.; Mrs. E. Raub, Pittsburgh; Miss Carrie Wise, New York; Mrs. Baum, Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. D. E. Levy, president of the Norfolk Section, C. J. W.

## Weddings—Engagements

Miss Sydney A. Stevens, daughter of Mrs. Sidney A. Stevens, whose marriage to Harry Stoddard Williston, of Northampton, Mass., will take place Wednesday, October 30, will have her niece, Miss Helen Walcott, as her maid of honor.

The Rev. Dr. Eccleston, of Baltimore, will solemnize the ceremony, which will take place in the home of the bride-in-law and sister of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Walcott, 1743 Twenty-second street.

The best man and ushers will be friends of Mr. Williston from Massachusetts. S. S. Breeze Stevens will escort his sister into the drawing room and her older brother, Holmes Stevens, will give her in marriage.

Stewart Walcott, nephew of the bride, and Newell Garfield, the little son of the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield, will be the ribbon bearers and will form an aisle of white ribbons through the room for the bridal procession.

The music for the occasion will be arranged by Robert Stearns. The ceremony will take place at 4 o'clock and will be followed by a reception at 4:30.

Mrs. Garfield, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, and Mrs. Huntington Williston, wife of the Third Assistant Secretary of State, will assist the bride party in receiving.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Corinne de Forest Montague, daughter of Mrs. Nellie Powhatan Montague, to Lieut. Henry Crooksey Mustin, U. S. N., son of the late Thomas Mustin, of Philadelphia, on October 29. Miss Montague is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Montague, of this city, and she has many friends, made during her visits to her sister, Mrs. Basil Gordon.

The ceremony is to be solemnized at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, October 29, in Christ Episcopal Church, Baltimore, the Rev. Edward Barnes Niver officiating. The bride will walk to the altar with her brother, Walter P. Montague.

Mrs. Basil Gordon will be the matron of honor. Lieut. Col. George Barnett, U. S. M. C., will be the best man.

There will be a quartet of bridesmaids—Misses Katherine U. Robertson, Anne Gordon Thom, and Claire Blackstone, of Baltimore, and Miss Mary Duke, of New York.

Other attendants will be Lieutenants Keating, Littlefield, and Macauley; Paymaster Merriam, Lieutenant Commanders Grice, Palmer, and Caldwell, and Lieutenant Henry, United States Cavalry.

Miss Helen Elizabeth Grady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Grady, will be married to Lieut. John Buchanan Richardson, U. S. A., next Thursday evening in St. Mary's Church, Wayne, Pa. The ceremony will be solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Armstrong, rector of the church. The bride, who will be given in marriage by her father, will be attended by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Grady, as maid of honor. Lieut. Victor Armstrong, U. S. A., will be the best man, while the ushers will include Lieuts. Richard M. Thomas, Joseph W.

Stillwell, Richard J. Herman, Chauncey S. Panton, Harry S. Bery, and De Witt C. Jones, U. S. A. A large reception will follow the ceremony at the home of the bride in Wayne.

Col. Edward H. Cunningham announces the engagement of his daughter, Narcissa Haywood, to First Lieut. James Arthur Bryson, Third Regiment, Field Artillery, stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. The wedding will take place November 14 and will be a very quiet affair owing to the death of the bride's mother.

A very unusual wedding was that of Miss Selma Emily Mertz, the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Albert Mertz, U. S. N., and Lieut. Burrell Clinton Allen, U. S. N., which took place at Fort Norfolk, Va., October 22. The ceremony was solemnized in a large tent on the lawn. The decorations were especially attractive, the walls and ceiling of the tent being draped with signal flags. The aisle was formed by six-inch shells filled with yellow chrysanthemums and connected with festoons of cedar. At the end of the aisle a huge bell of cedar was suspended from an arch covered with goldenrod. Behind this was an embankment of palms, concealing the musicians. The effect of a chancel was obtained by connecting six shells with a curtain of shaded autumn leaves. The bride wore a handsome gown of Chinese embroidered crepe and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, the lilies being caught by a spray of the same flower. Miss Elizabeth Wellington, of Bronxville, N. Y., was the maid of honor and was effectively gowned in yellow chiffon. She carried yellow chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Grace B. Allen, of Kansas City, Mo.; Katherine Pierce, of Shaperville, Pa.; Miss Lucille Martin, of Blue Ridge Summit, Va., and Miss Katherine Newell and Cornelia McBlair, of Norfolk, Va. They were daintily attired in white and carried large bouquets of chrysanthemums. Passed Assistant Paymaster Neal B. Farwell, U. S. N., was the best man. The groomsmen, all of whom were in uniform, evening full dress, were Lieut. Alfred Howe, U. S. N.; Capt. Richard Williams, U. S. M. C.; Assistant Naval Constructor George Hamner, U. S. N.; Assistant Paymaster Walter Sharp, U. S. N., and Assistant Surgeon J. P. Haynes, U. S. N. The Rev. Nathaniel Thomas, of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Philadelphia, officiated. After the ceremony the tent was cleared for dancing. Lieutenants and Mrs. Allen will make their home at Annapolis, Md., where the bridegroom is stationed.

Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U. S. N., retired, was married last Tuesday in Boston to Miss Gertrude Wilds, of Jamestown, R. I., at the Hotel Abbotsford, the Rev. Edward Fitts, former rector of St. Stephen's Church, officiating, only a small family party being present.

Mrs. Selfridge is wealthy, owning five valuable estates at Jamestown and Newport. She is sixty-five years old, while Admiral Selfridge is seventy-two. The couple will reside in Admiral Selfridge's Washington home. Admiral Selfridge retired in February, 1936. Mrs. Selfridge has lived much of late in Newport and Norfolk, Va. Lately

she has been living in an apartment in the Hotel Ludlow in Boston with her companion, Miss Farrell. Admiral Selfridge is a chevalier of the Legion of Honor of France, recipient of the gold cornation of the Order of Russia, and a member of the Royal Geographical Society of Belgium. He was first married in August, 1885, to Miss Ellen Shepley, daughter of Circuit Judge G. F. Shepley, of Portland, Me. Since his retirement Admiral Selfridge has made his home in Washington, at 1877, Kalorama avenue northwest.

Announcement cards have been received here of the marriage of Miss Newell Helen Gragg to Arthur Ames Fisher, of Washington, which was quietly solemnized Thursday evening, October 3, at the home of Mrs. Byron McClelland, South Broadway, Lexington, Ky. Rev. Mark Collier, of Broadway Christian Church, was the officiating minister, and only Mrs. McClelland's family, the bride's brother, Emmett Gragg, and a few of her most intimate friends were present.

The handsome home was decorated with flowers and plants, and the details of the wedding were tasteful and artistic, in honor of the bride, who is a bright and beautiful girl. She wore a gown of white mullie with elaborate trimming of lace, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony the bride couple left for a short trip. They will return to Lexington Saturday night, and will be guests of Mrs. McClelland until Tuesday, when they will leave for Washington, where they will reside.

The bride's traveling gown was of blue cloth. She has been making her home in Lexington for a number of years, having been a member of the faculty of Miss Ella Williams' School.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Castle Meacham, of New York, announced last week the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ethel Meacham, and James Clarence Smyth, of Richmond, Va.

Miss Meacham is to be married in the New York Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, Thursday evening, December 12, and a large reception will follow at the home of her parents.

The best man will be Thomas Albert Smyth, brother of the bridegroom. Fred

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